WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound of the formula I:

$$R^{3} \xrightarrow{R^{2}} O \xrightarrow{R^{12}} R^{11}$$

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wherein:

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) -C₁₋₆alkyl,
- (2) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
- 10 (3) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,

wherein said alkyl, alkenyl and alkynyl is unsubstituted or substituted with phenyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted with a group selected from:

- (i) halo,
- (ii) -C₁-6alkyl,
- (iii) -C2-6 alkenyl,
- (iv) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,
- (v) -OH, and
- (vi) -O-C₁₋₆alkyl,
- (4) hydrogen;

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R² is selected from the group consisting of:

(1) $R^{4}-S(O)_{2}N(R^{7})-$,

wherein R4 is independently selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) -C₁-6alkyl,
- (b) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
- -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,
 wherein said alkyl, alkenyl and alkynyl is unsubstituted or substituted with 1-6 fluoro,
- (d) phenyl, and

(e) benzyl,

wherein R⁷ is independently selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) hydrogen,
- (b) -C₁-6alkyl,
- (c) -C2-6 alkenyl,
- (d) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,

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wherein R^{8a} and R^{8b} are independently selected from the group consisting of:

- 10 (a) hydrogen,
 - (b) -CN,
 - (c) halo,
 - (d) -C₁₋₆alkyl,
 - (e) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl, and
 - (f) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl

R³ is selected from the group consisting of:

R6a, R6b, and R6c are independently selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) hydrogen, and
 - (2) halogen;

R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) -C₁₋₆alkyl,
- 25 (2) -C₂₋₆ alkenyl,

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- (3) -C₂₋₆ alkynyl,
 wherein said alkyl, alkenyl and alkynyl is unsubstituted or substituted with
 phenyl, and
- (4) hydrogen;

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R13 is selected from the group consisting of -CH=CH- and -O-;

R⁹ and R¹⁰ are independently selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) hydrogen,
- (2) C₁₋₆alkyl,
- (3) C₂₋₆ alkenyl,
- (4) C₂₋₆ alkynyl, wherein said alkyl, alkenyl and alkynyl is unsubstituted or substituted with phenyl,
- or R⁹ and R¹⁰ may be joined together to form a pyrrolidine or piperidine ring which is unsubstituted or substituted with -C₁₋₆alkyl, -C₂₋₆ alkenyl, -C₂₋₆ alkynyl, -C₁₋₆alkyl-O-C₁₋₆alkyl, phenyl or pyridyl;

R¹¹ is selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) -OH,
- (2) -O-C₁-6alkyl,
- (3) -O-C₁₋₆alkyl-phenyl,
- (4) -O-phenyl, and
- (5) phenyl;
- 25 R12 is selected from the group consisting of:
 - (1) $-NR^9R^{10}$, and
 - (2) -OH;

m is independently 0, 1, or 2;

- 30 and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.
 - 2. The compound of Claim 1 of the formula II:

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wherein:

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R1 is selected from the group consisting of:

(1) C₁₋₆alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted with phenyl, and

(2) hydrogen;

R² is selected from the group consisting of:

(1) $R^4-S(O)_2N(R^7)$ -,

wherein R⁴ is independently selected from the group consisting of:

(a) C₁₋₆alkyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted with 1-6 fluoro,

- (b) phenyl, and
- (c) benzyl,

wherein R⁷ is independently selected from the group consisting of:

(a) hydrogen, and

(b) -C₁-6alkyl,

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wherein R^{8a} and R^{8b} are independently selected from the group consisting of:

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- (a) hydrogen,
- (b) -CN,
- (c) halo, and
- (d) -C₁₋₆alkyl,

25 R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) C₁₋₆alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted with phenyl, and
- (2) hydrogen;

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R9 and R10 are independently selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) hydrogen, and
- (2) C₁₋₆alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted with phenyl;

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R¹¹ is selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) -OH,
- (2) -O-phenyl, and
- (3) phenyl.

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3. The compound of Claim 1 of the formula III:

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wherein:

15 R1 is selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) C₁₋₆alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted with phenyl, and
- (2) hydrogen;

R² is selected from the group consisting of:

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(1) $R^4-S(O)_2N(R^7)$ -,

wherein R⁴ is independently selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) C₁₋₆alkyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted with 1-6 fluoro,
- (b) phenyl, and
- (c) benzyl,

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wherein R⁷ is independently selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) hydrogen, and
- (b) -C₁-6alkyl,

(2)

wherein R8a and R8b are independently selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) hydrogen,
- (b) -CN,
- (c) halo, and
- (d) -C₁₋₆alkyl,

R⁵ is selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) C₁₋₆alkyl, unsubstituted or substituted with phenyl, and
- 10 (2) hydrogen;

R¹¹ is selected from the group consisting of:

- (1) -OH,
- (2) -O-phenyl, and
- 15 (3) phenyl.
 - 4. The compound of Claim 1 wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of:
 - (1) benzyl,
 - (2) phenyl-ethyl-,
- 20 (3) methyl, and
 - (4) hydrogen.
 - 5. The compound of Claim 1 wherein R² is

CH3-S(O)2N(CH3)-.

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- 6. The compound of Claim 1 wherein R² is cyano-phenyl-.
- 7. The compound of Claim 1 wherein R⁵ is methyl.
- 30 8. The compound of Claim 1 wherein R⁹ and R¹⁰ are independently selected from the group consisting of:
 - (1) hydrogen, and

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- (2) methyl.
 - 9. The compound of Claim 1 wherein R¹¹ is -OH.
 - 10. A compound which is selected from the group consisting of:

MeO ₂ S N HN OH	$\begin{array}{c} \text{MeO}_2\text{S} \\ \text{H} \\ \text{O} \\ \text{O} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \text{NH}_2 \\ \text{OH} \end{array}$
MeO ₂ S H NH ₂ OH	MeO ₂ S _N H NH ₂ OH
MeO ₂ S _N NH ₂	MeO ₂ S N NH ₂
MeO ₂ S _N OHOH	MeO ₂ S N OH

NC NH ₂ OH	NC NH ₂ OH
NC NH ₂ NH ₂ OH MeO	NC NH ₂ OH
NC NH ₂ OH	NC NH ₂ OH
MeO ₂ S N OH	MeO ₂ S N OH
MeO ₂ S _N OHO	

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and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

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11. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of Claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

- 12. A method for inhibition of β -secretase activity in a mammal in need thereof which comprises administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 13. A method for treating Alzheimer's disease in a patient in need thereof comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a compound of Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 14. A method for preventing, controlling, ameliorating or reducing the risk of Alzheimers disease in a patient in need thereof comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of a compound of Claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.